GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO BACKWARD CLASSES
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to explore the possibilities to provide employment and assistance to the people of backward classes, like the Lodha community in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the facilities being provided by the Union Government to these people for self-employment; and

(d) the reasons for delay in implementing financial incentive schemes for these people of the State like providing employment to them and the cost of training to the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (d): In order to achieve the objective of socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes including Lodha Tribe in West Bengal, Government of India has adopted a strategy known as Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Under this strategy various schemes of economic development under Centre/State Sector are being implemented for the upliftment of tribal communities. Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides Special. Central Assistance (SCA) to TSP States/UTs as an additive to their own outlays. SCA is primarily meant for family oriented income-generation schemes in sectors of Agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, animal husbandry, schemes etc.

Under the Central Sector Scheme of Development of PTGs, which was introduced in 1998-99, funds are released to the State Government as well as NGOs on the basis of their specific proposals.

The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation provides soft loans to Scheduled Tribes for self-employment through the State channelising agencies for the economic development of eligible Scheduled Tribes.